

## Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

**SERVICES INCLUDED:** Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 65, Chapter III, Behavioral Health Services

**NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES:** In anticipation of the passing of LD 1809, *Resolve, To Increase Funding for Evidence-based Therapies for Treating Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Children* (the “Resolve”), from the 129th Maine Legislature’s first regular session-2019 the Department is issuing this notice to provide communication of the intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Section 65, Chapter III, Behavioral Health Services should this LD become law. This notice indicates our resulting intent to extend the 20% rate increase, pursuant to P.L. 2017, ch. 460, *An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government*, for multisystemic therapy (MST), multisystemic therapy for problem sexualized behavior, and functional family therapy (FFT) services that was previously scheduled to end June 30, 2019. This extended increase of 20%, pursuant to the signing of the Resolve, will be effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES:** All changes are pursuant to LD 1809, *Resolve, To Increase Funding for Evidence-based Therapies for Treating Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Children*, from the 129th Maine Legislature’s first regular session-2019.

**ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES:** The Department anticipates that these changes will result in an increase of \$697,624 in State Fiscal Year 2020, of which \$262,306 is state expenditures and \$435,318 is federal expenditures.

**ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES:** The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.